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ABIDJAN PLEASE PASS LT COL FOULDS

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SUBJECT: ACTIVITIES OF IVORY COAST MEDICAL CONTINGENT IN SHABA

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1. CHIEF OF IVORY COAST MEDICAL CONTINGENT MEDECIN LT
COL ATIN VISITED CONSULATE ON JULY 11 TO DISCUSS ACTIVITIES
OF HIS DOCTOR AND NURSES IN SHABA. HE NOTED THAT
ALL WERE NOW OCCUPIED IN HOSPITALS RUN BY THE MINING
COMPANY GECAMINES, TWO DOCTORS AND 50 NURSES IN KOLWEZI, ONE
DOCTOR AND 25 NURSES IN LIKASI, ONE DOCTOR AND 11 NURSES
IN LUBUMBASHI, AND ONE DOCTOR (TWO DAYS PER WEEK) AND 14
NURESES IN KIPUSHI. LT COL ATIN SAID ALL FELT THAT WERE
DOING USEFUL WORK AND MORALE WAS EXCELLENT. WHEN ASKED
ABOUT THE POSSIBLE NUMBER OF NURSES AT SOME OF
GECAMINES HOSPITALS, HE SAID HE WAS CONFIDENT HIS NURSES
WRE ABLE TO PROVIDE NEEDED ASSISTANCE AND ALSO REPLACE
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ZAIRIAN NURSES WHO WERE ON LEAVE. HE SAID THAT AT
BOTH KIPUSHI AND LUBUMBASHI, THE ZAIRIAN HOSPITAL OF-
FICIALS HAD ASKED FOR MORE NURSES.

2. MOST OF EARLIER LOGISTICAL PROBLEMS HAVE BEEN
SOLVED. ON JUNE 27, PLANS ARRIVED FROM KINSHASA WITH
TWO JEEPS, FOUR AMBULANCE, 86 COTS, 135 BLANKETS.

ONLY PROBLEM IS THREE JEEPS AND CHAUFFEURS WHO WERE MISTAKENLY
TRANSPORTED TO DAKAR AND LEFT THERE. LT COL
ATIN HAS SENT INQUIRY TO THEIR AMBASSADOR
IN KINSHASA TO ATTEMPT TO RESOLVE PROBLEM.

3. LT COL ATIN ASKED THAT HIS BEST WISHES TO BE SENT
TO LT COL FOUNDS HE ALSO ASKED IF THE FOLLOWING
MESSAGE COULD BE SENT TO THE MINISTRY OF DEFENSE IN
ABIDJAN.

4. QUOTE. ORIGINE: MEDECIN LIEUTENANT COLONEL ATIN-
ORIA, ETAT-MAJOR DES FORCES AFRICAINES. DESTINATION
MINISTRE DE LA DEFENSE, ABIDJAN. MESSAGE. HONNEUR
VOUS DEMANDER NOUS FAIR PARVENIR CAFE, JUS ANANAS, RIZ
ATTIERE. HONNEUR VOUS RENDRE COMPTE TROIS JEEPS SERAIENT
EN SOUFFRANCE A DAKAR AVEC TROIS CHAUFFEURS. AVONS
RECU QUATRE AMBULANCES, DEUX JEEPS, 86 LITRES PICOTS,
135 COUVERTURE, TROIS MECANICIENS ET QUATRE CHAUFFEURS.
EXCELLENT MORAL DE TOUTE L'EQUIPE MEDICALE. FIN.
END QUOTE.

5. COMMENT: ATTITUDE OF DR ATIN HAS CHANGED VERY
MUCH SINCE LAST MEETING. HE IS NOT MUCH MORE ENTHUSIASTIC
ABOUT HIS MISSION. IVORY COAST TEAM SEEMS TO BE GETTING
ALONG WELL WITH OTHER PAN AFRICAN CONTINGENTS, ALTHOUGH
THEIR NON-COMBAT ROLE PUTS THEM IN LESS CONTACT. WHILE
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FOODS SIMILAR TO WHAT THEY REQUESTED FROM THEIR MILITARY
ARE AVAILABLE LOCALLY, THE IVORIANS SEEM A LITTLE HOME
SICK FOR FAMILIAR TASTES.

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